HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1037 By Casada

A RESOLUTION to commend the Nashville Central Christian Warriors junior high girls' basketball team on winning the 2004 NCHAA National Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, have attained a degree of excellence paralleled by few; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian Warrior basketball program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive excellence; and

WHEREAS, Nashville Central Christian is a competitive homeschool basketball program that plays at the junior high and high school levels, fielding both girls and boys teams; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Christian Homeschool Athletic Association (NCHAA), the Nashville Central Christian teams are comprised of homeschooled students from all over Middle Tennessee who travel throughout the state, region and country to compete in tournaments and regular season games; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian program facilitates the decision of dedicated homeschool parents to educate their children at home, while allowing them the opportunity to develop and capitalize on their God given athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, character development is the program's first priority, and the program teaches its participants the value of teamwork, group dynamics, humility, graciousness, and a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, one of Nashville Central Christian teams, the junior high girls' basketball squad, has captured its third consecutive National title at the 2004 NCHAA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Warriors earned this impressive national championship after handily defeating the Oklahoma City Knights, 44-24, on March 13; this victory capped the Warrior's perfect 4-0 streak in the NCHAA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, on its way to a remarkable 27-3 regular season record, the team provided its fans with plenty of reasons to cheer, including winning the NCHAA Regional Tournament, the Hendersonville Christian Tournament, and the Sonic/Grassland Middle School Holiday Invitational Tournament and placing third in the Overbrook Tournament in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, led by the expert knowledge and training of coach Jim Taylor and assistant coaches Chuck Adams and Tom Verlin, the members of the Nashville Central Christian junior high girls' championship team are: Ashley Adams, Kathleen Coffeen, Maria Fraley, Mary Heard, Claire Hooper, Alex Jarrell, Laura Lively, Morgan Phay, Ashleigh Shaffer, Rebekah Shaffer, Christi Stanfill, Jana Sulfridge, Alicia Thomas, and Molly Verlin; and

WHEREAS, the many successes of Nashville Central Christian Warriors were achieved through the hard work, dedication, perseverance, and determination of the team's members and coaches, and these individuals deserve special recognition for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Warriors exhibited characteristics that bode well for their future success, whether on the athletic field, in the classroom, or in any other endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Nashville Central Christian Warrior junior high girls' basketball team for their many triumphs in their quest for athletic excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the members of the Nashville Central Christian Warrior junior high girls' basketball team on winning the 2004 NCHAA National Championship, salute their many other successes this basketball season, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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